



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
January 31, 2021
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 1 at St. John's
10:00a.m...Severino Sulit

Tuesday, February 2
0:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, February 3, at St. John's
12:00noon...Larry Aulbach

Thursday, February 4, at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...Eugene & Lorena Rindler

Friday, February 5, at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Brenda Hughes

Saturday, February 6, at St. Mary's
5:00p.m...Phillip Crouch

Sunday, February 7
9:00a.m...Alivia Viellieux at St. John's
11:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at Holy Family

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:
Violence Against Women
We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



Well, we are now entering into the Winter season proper, and we are still dealing with many of the same problems as of last year, but hopefully with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and our shared communion in Him we are at least handling this with greater serenity and peace. If not, that is alright as well, but please know that our staff and volunteers are here to pray with you and assist as best as we can. We also have the profound intercession of St. Joseph and a special year dedicated to him, where we can ask his intercession for ourselves, for our friends and families, and for our parishes. In fact, throughout the year, we have several means of obtaining indulgences as well for asking for his prayers. We will be posting those in the bulletin as reminders throughout the course of this year.

One of these to focus on is especially for the elderly, sick, and dying to recite an act of piety to St. Joseph and entrust one's life and discomforts to St. Joseph. This is especially helpful for those who are unable to leave the house due to sickness and health that they can call on him who is the comfort of the sick and patron of a happy death. It is also a good reminder for us as we remain in solidarity with all our parishioners both young and old, sick and well as we all continue to journey to our heavenly homeland.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

Pope Francis urges us to pray to St. Joseph for "the grace of graces: our conversion."
"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

PRAYER CHAIN: To have someone prayed for or be one of those doing the praying, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521 or the office at 348-3889 or 674-2605.
Please pray for all those parishioners and their families dealing with illness.



Mardi Gras Party
Where: Reemmer Hall at Holy Family
When: Sunday, February 14 following 11am Mass
***Come for delicious pancakes, sausages, lots of fun, creative, and traditional pancake toppings!**
***Grab a partner for the 2nd Annual Pancake Flipping Contest!**
Covid precautions, please.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
Each January we celebrate Respect Life Month. But, we must realize prolife education and advocacy are important all year long. We can make a difference through our prayers and actions. Each of our three parishes supports pregnancy care centers in our counties: Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County, Helping Hands Pregnancy Care Center in Montpelier, and Crisis Pregnancy Center in Marion. But they are always looking for individuals willing to help as well.
Let us pray for the protection of the unborn and for all life from conception to natural death.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's
Sunday Collection: \$397.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's
Sunday Collection: \$1,368.00
Religious Retirement: \$55.00
Food Pantry: \$50.00
Building Fund: \$50.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family
Sunday Collection: \$2,398.00
Religious Retirement: \$10.00
Sharing Cupboard: \$30.00
Propagation of the Faith: \$25.00
Votive: \$17.00
Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
February 5th: Faithful God, give me the faith to make it through today. Adoration begins after 9am Mass till 9pm. Please join us for an hour or more. The side Chapel at St. John's will be open for private adoration from 8am-4pm.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Next week we begin our new confession schedule. Fr. Hurley will be at St. Mary's from 4-4:30pm on Saturdays and 5-5:25 on Thursdays prior to Mass. Sundays he will hear confessions from 8-8:45am at St. John's.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at Holy Family from noon-1pm on Sundays and 8:30-8:55am on Fridays.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
If you have not yet made a pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly Fruitful Harvest), we need your help! By giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are helping to support not only the parishes in our pastorate, but the Catholic faith throughout our diocese.
We are at just 50% of our pastorate goal. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to this campaign which now also includes the Seminarian Fund.
Envelopes are located at each of our church entrances. Thank you for your stewardship of God's gifts.

TAX SEASON
If you wish to receive a letter of your tax contributions given for 2020, please contact Diana by phone at 348-3889 or by email at stmaryjohn.org or DHolsten@parish.dol-in.org

TODAY IS LAST DAY TO APPLY-JAN. 31
Holy Family Scholarship Applications are due today. Apply online:
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Everyone is welcome to the DVD series, **“Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible,”** which has started and will continue each Sunday barring inclement weather. This is a great DVD series for newcomers and lifetime Catholics even if you have seen it once. Please join us! We meet in the parish hall downstairs. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Social distancing and masks are needed. We will start the DVD at 9:55am and end by 11am.

Feb 7- Session 4: Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 1: Heb 11: 32-40; Mk 5: 1-20

Feb. 2: [The Presentation of the Lord] Mal 3: 1-4; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40

Feb. 3: [St. Blaise, bishop & martyr; St. Ansgar, bishop] Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15; Mk 6: 1-6

Feb. 4: Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24; Mk 6: 7-13

Feb. 5: [St. Agatha, virgin & martyr] Heb 13: 1-8; Mk 6: 14-29

Feb. 6: [St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs] Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21; Mk 6: 30-34

Feb. 7: Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1: 29-39

RCIA NEWS

We encourage anyone wishing to inquire of the RCIA process to contact the Church office at 348-3889; Susan Lannoy at 512-627-6863 or Pam Trees at 674-8418.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Feb. 3: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Feb. 4: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary’s

Friday, Feb. 5: Reconciliation 8:30-8:55am at Holy Family

Saturday, Feb. 6: Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St. Mary’s

Sunday, Feb. 7: Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. John’s

Religious Ed & Bible Study 10-11am at St. John’s

Religious Ed 9:30-10:45am at Holy Family

Reconciliation 12-1pm at Holy Family

Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us turn to Mary through prayer of the rosary that all Christians can unite for the common good and for the protection of all human life.

DESTINATION JESUS—FEB. 13th

The high school youth group be participating in Destination Jesus. This year, it is an event that is hosted within each parish, with us tuning in virtually to some parts of the night.

The doors to McCarthy Hall, at St. Paul’s in Marion, will open at 5:45 and the night will start at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Snacks will be provided.

The cost of the event is \$20, but assistance is available if needed. Please contact Bethany at bkuhn@parish.dol-in.org or the office to sign up.

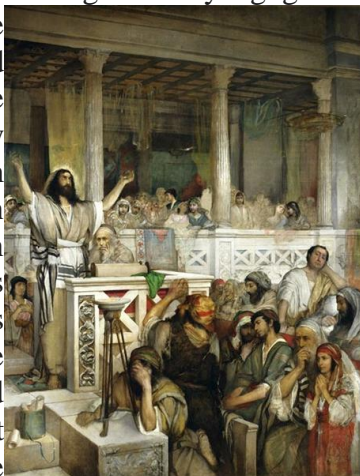
GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

DT 18:15-20; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28

Our readings today remind us of God’s authority. As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone’s attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, “Quiet, come out of him!” and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, “Quiet, come out of Him!” Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday
St. John, 3-4:00pm each Saturday
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

St. Mary, Dunkirk

St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

Holy Family, Gas City

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information